



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

February 14, 2005

S. 302

Foundation for the National Institutes of Health Improvement Act

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
on February 9, 2005*

S. 302 would modify the Public Health Service Act to change the law that governs the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (NIH), a private, not-for-profit entity that raises private funds to support the work of NIH. It would specify that the Director of the National Institutes of Health and the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration remain as ex officio members of the board, make provisions for the continued operation of the board when vacancies occur, and correct an incorrect cross-reference in the statute. The bill also would require that \$500,000 out of funds appropriated for NIH be transferred to the foundation each year. Such annual payments are authorized under current law but are not required.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 302 would have no significant budgetary effect in any individual year. Enacting the bill would not affect receipts or direct spending.

S. 302 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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